Engineering Colleges in Andhra Pradesh

2316. SHRI L. RAMANA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposals from Andhra Pradesh for opening of Engineering Colleges are pending for clearance;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (c). Approval of Technical Institutions and programmes by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) is a continuous process. The Council has made regulations laying down procedure and time schedule for processing such proposals. At the moment there are 87 proposals from Andhra Pradesh with the Council.

[Translation]

External Internal Assistance for Irrigation Projects of Maharashtra

2317. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of irrigation projects financed by internal and external resources in Maharashtra during each year of Eight Plan;

(b) the schemes and programmes launched for completion of the said projects and introduction of new irrigation projects;

(c) whether priority has been given to the medium and small irrigation projects in tribal and famine prone areas by the State Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) During the Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-97) 33 Major, 49 Medium and 6 Extension, Renovation and Modernisation (ERM) projects are ongoing in Maharashtra. Out of these 5 Major and 1 Medium projects are externally aided. To accelerate completion of the selected ongoing Major and Medium projects, Central Loan Assistance amounting to Rs. 28.00 crores has been sanctioned under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) for three projects namely Gosikhurd, Waghur and Surya of Maharashtra.

(c) and (d) To extend irrigation facilities to the tribal and drought-prone areas in Maharashtra, 22 Medium projects in tribal areas and 16 Medium projects in drought-prone areas are ongoing in the State. The details of Minor irrigation projects are not maintained at the Central Government level.

[English]

Opening of Primary Schools with World Bank Aid in MP

2318. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of districts of Madhya Pradesh where primary schools are proposed to be opened with the World Bank assistance;

(b) whether the Union Government propose to request the World Bank to provide more financial assistance to promote primary education in some other districts of Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) 15 districts of Madhya Pradesh namely, Bhind, Morena, Seon, Mandla, Shivpuri, Jhabua, Bastar, Shajapur, Khargone, Datia, Dewas, Vidisha, Damoh, Raipur, Khandwa have been selected for inclusion under District Primary Education Programme with World Bank assistance. The programme component includes opening of new primary schools.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Marconi Fire Control System

2319. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Marconi fire control system computer was bought alongwith the Bofors gun;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this computer system has ever been used; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (d) 155 mm FH 77B Gun System which was contracted with M/s Bofors includes the Marconi Fire control system. This System consists of the Battery Computer Module (BCM), Observer Data Comuter and Gun Computer System (GUN COS). The System has been in usage for the last ten years alongwith the Gun System and its performance has been satisfactory.